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TOPIC

Tank Repair Shop in Vetschau

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REFERENCES

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1. During the period from 1 through 3 January 1951, a Soviet tank repair shop was observed in Vetschau. * The installation, which is located on the premises of the LOMA-WEB Plant, consisted of one main workshop of 120 x 160 meters, south of the railroad line, and an auxiliary workshop north of this line. In addition, Villa Gribenow quartered Soviet troops. Cranes and other machinery were seen outside the workshops which were off limits for Germans. Local residents stated that the LOMA Plant delivered iron parts for the Soviet repair shop. About 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank insignia, were quartered in Villa Gribenow. The ranking officer seemed to be a senior lieutenant of the administrative service. Near the auxiliary workshop, tanks covered with tarpaulins and trucks without motor vehicle numbers were seen.

2. On 8 March 1951, numerous newly painted trucks without motor vehicle numbers, and 18 tanks covered by tarpaulins were seen in the area of the tank repair shop in Vetschau.

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3. Incoming and outgoing shipments observed at the tank repair shop in Vetschau during the period from late January to mid-March 1951 included:

a. 31 January: One boxcar with engine parts from Cottbus, dispatched by

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b. 21 February: Two tanks dispatched to Kummersdorf.

c. 9 March: Four railroad carloads of coal from Cottbus, dispatched by

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d. 13 March: One tank from Spremberg, dispatched by

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5. On 20 March 1951, it was ascertained that a major tank repair shop was located on the premises of the LOMA Plant in Vetschau. It was furthermore observed that low wooden buildings available in the factory area were being made ready for the quartering of troops. A small technical detail of the Soviet Army had been stationed there for some time.
6. Two T-34/85 tanks were being repaired in the yard of the tank repair shop in Vetschau on 10 May 1951. A self-propelled gun presumably of type SU-122 was proceeding to the loading ramp.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Information on this tank repair shop is received for the first time. For location sketch of the installation, see Annex.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the 9th 25X1D Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army and air force units. One of the numbers seems to be a cover number.

25X1A** [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] was twice reported in May 1951 as the receiver of goods in Vetschau; [REDACTED] the Hq 9th Mecz Div in Cottbus; 25X1D 25X1D [REDACTED] the 80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Mecz Div in Spremberg. The two officers are reported for the first time.

2 Annex: one sketch on ditto.

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